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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :
Larry Neil Mackey et al. : Confirmation No. 6640
Serial No. 09/914,966 : Group Art Unit ~~1714~~ 1771
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For Absorbent, Flexible, Structure Comprising Starch Fibers

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